THE DIVINE LITURGY

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

BLESSING THE KINGDOM

PRIEST: Blessed be the kingdom of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

GREAT LITANY

DEACON: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace from on high and for the salvation of our souls, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For peace throughout the world, for the well-being of God's holy churches and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy church and for all who enter it with faith, reverence, and fear of God, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the most holy universal Pontiff, *[N.]*, Pope of Rome, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our most blessed Patriarch, *[N.]*, our most reverend Metropolitan, *[N.]*, our God-loving Bishop, *[N.]*,

the reverend priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and all the clergy and the people, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our nation under God, for our government, and for all the military, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this city, for every city and country and for the faithful who live in them, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the seafarers and travelers, for the sick and the suffering, for those held captive, and for their salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and misfortune, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: **To You, O Lord.**

PRIEST: Lord, our God, Whose power is beyond comparison, Whose glory is beyond comprehension, Whose mercy is beyond measure, and Whose love for mankind is beyond expression, in the kindness of Your heart, O Master, look upon us and upon this holy church,

and bestow on us and on those praying with us, the riches of Your mercy and compassion;

For all glory, honor and worship befit You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

First Sunday Antiphon

Shout to the Lord, all the earth,* sing now to His name, give glory to His praise.

(Refrain) **Through the prayers of the Mother of God,* O Saviour, save us.**

Say unto God,* "How awesome are Your works!* Because of the greatness of Your strength Your enemies will flatter You. *(Refrain)*

Let all the earth worship You and sing to You,* let it sing to Your name, O Most High! *(Refrain)*

(The Faithful stand)

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,* now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Only-begotten Son and Word of God, You are immortal, and You willed for our salvation to be made flesh of the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, and without change You became man. You were crucified, O Christ our God, and trampled death by death. You are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us.

Small Litany

DEACON: Again and again, in peace let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, together with all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: You have given us the grace to pray together in harmony and have promised to grant the requests of two or three who join their voices in Your name. Fulfill now for us, Your servants, these petitions for our benefit. Grant us in this present life the knowledge of Your truth, and in the age to come, bestow eternal life;

For You are a good and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

Third Sunday Antiphon

Come let us sing joyfully to the Lord,* let us acclaim God, our Saviour.

(Refrain) **Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

Let us come before His face with praise,* and acclaim Him in psalms. *(Refrain)*

For God is the great Lord* and the great King over all the earth. *(Refrain)*

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

PRIEST: Lord God our Master, Who established in heaven the ranks and armies of angels and archangels for the service of Your glory, grant that as we make our entrance, the holy angels may enter too, serving with us and joining in the praise of Your goodness; for all glory, honour and worship befit You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

DEACON: Master, bless the holy entrance.

PRIEST: †Blessed be the entrance of Your saints, always, now and for ever and ever.

DEACON: Wisdom! Stand aright.

CHOIR: **Come, let us worship* and fall down before Christ.**

Sundays: **Son of God, risen from the dead,* save us who sing to You: Alleluia.**

Troparia & Kontakia

The Troparia and Kontakia for the day are sung according to the tone indicated.

Trisagion Prayer

PRIEST: Holy God, You dwell in the holies, with three-fold cries of holy, the seraphim acclaim You, the cherubim glorify You, and all the heavenly powers worship You. From nothingness You brought all things into being. You created man in Your own image and likeness and adorned Him with all Your graces. You give wisdom and understanding to all who ask. You do not turn Your face from the sinner but offer repentance as a way for salvation. You have made us, Your humble and undeserving servants, worthy to stand before the glory of Your holy altar at this very time, and bring You due worship and praise. Accept from the lips of us sinners the Thrice-holy Hymn and visit us in Your kindness, O Master. Forgive us all our offenses, voluntary and involuntary. Sanctify our souls and bodies, and grant that we, in holiness, may serve You all the days of our lives, through the intercession of the holy Mother of God and of all the saints, who throughout the ages have found favour with You.

DEACON: Bless, Master, the time of the Thrice-holy Hymn.

PRIEST: For You, our God, are holy, and we give glory to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

Trisagion Hymn

CHOIR: **Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.** *(x3)*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,* now and for ever and ever. Amen.* Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

DEACON: Master, proceed.

PRIEST: Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord.

DEACON: Master, bless the throne on high.

PRIEST: Blessed are You on the throne of glory of Your kingdom, Who sit upon the cherubim, always, now and for ever and ever.

Prokimenon

DEACON: Let us be attentive!

PRIEST: Peace † be with all.

DEACON: Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

The Prokimenon for the day is sung according to the tone indicated.

Epistle Reading

DEACON: Wisdom.

Introduction of the Epistle

DEACON: Let us be attentive.

The Reader chants the Epistle.

PRIEST: Peace be with you.

DEACON: Wisdom! Let us be attentive!

CHOIR: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The cantor chants the psalm verses. After each verse, the faithful sing the refrain, "Alleluia."

Gospel Reading

PRIEST: Make the pure light of Your Divine knowledge shine in our hearts, O loving Master. Open the eyes of our minds that we may understand the message of Your Gospel. Instill in us the fear of Your blessed commandments that we may subdue all carnal desires and follow a spiritual way of life, thinking and doing all that pleases You. For You, O Christ our God, are the enlightenment of our souls and bodies, and we give glory to You, together with Your eternal Father and Your most holy, good, and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

DEACON: Master, bless the reader of the Gospel of the holy apostle and evangelist *[N]*.

PRIEST: May God, through the intercession of the holy, glorious, all-praiseworthy apostle and evangelist *[N]*, grant that you proclaim the Good News with great power for the fulfillment of the Gospel of His beloved Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRIEST: Wisdom! Stand aright! Let us listen to the holy Gospel. Peace be with all.

CHOIR: **And with your spirit.**

DEACON: A reading from the holy Gospel according to *[N]*.

CHOIR: **Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.**

PRIEST: Let us be attentive!

The Gospel is proclaimed.

CHOIR: **Glory be to You, O Lord, glory be to You.**

HOMILY

DEACON: Let us all say with our whole soul and our whole mind, let us say.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty Lord, God of our fathers, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

Have mercy on us, O God, in the greatness of Your compassion, we pray You, hear us and have mercy.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy**. *(x3)*

PRIEST: Lord our God, accept this fervent supplication from Your servants. Take pity on us in the greatness of Your compassion. Let Your loving kindness descend upon us and upon all Your people who await Your abundant mercy.

DEACON: We also pray for our most holy universal Pontiff, *[N]*, Pope of Rome; for our most blessed Patriarch, *[N]*, our most reverend Metropolitan, *[N]*, our God-loving Bishop, *[N]*, for those who serve and have served in this holy church, for our spiritual fathers, and for all

our brethren in Christ.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.** *(x3)*

We also pray for our nation under God, for our government, and for all the military.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.** *(x3)*

Petitions may be added here.

We also pray for the people here present who await Your great and bountiful mercies, for those who have been kind to us, and for all orthodox Christians.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.** *(x3)*

PRIEST: For You are a merciful and loving God, and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

Prayer for the Faithful

DEACON: Again and again in peace let the faithful pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: We thank You, O Lord God of hosts, that You have deemed us worthy to stand now at Your holy altar, falling before Your mercies for our sins and for the sins of ignorance of the people. Accept our prayers, O God, and make us worthy to offer You petitions, supplications and unbloody sacrifices for all Your people. By the power of Your Holy Spirit, enable us whom You appointed for Your ministry to call upon You always and everywhere, without condemnation and without stumbling, in the pure testimony of our conscience, so that, hearing us, You may be propitious to us in the abundance of Your goodness.

: Once again and many times, we fall before You and ask You, O good and loving Lord, that, having looked upon our petitions, You might cleanse our souls and bodies of every defilement of flesh and spirit, and might permit us to stand guiltless and uncondemned before Your holy altar. Grant also, O God, to those praying with us, growth in life, in faith, and in spiritual understanding. Grant that they who serve You with fear and love, may always partake of Your Holy Mysteries without blame and condemnation, and be made worthy of Your heavenly kingdom.

DEACON: Wisdom!

PRIEST: So that always protected by Your might, we may give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: Amen.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Cherubic Hymn

CHOIR: Let us who mystically represent the cherubim, and sing the Thrice-holy Hymn to the life-giving Trinity, now lay aside all cares of life.

PRIEST: No one who is bound to carnal desires or pleasures is worthy to approach You, or to draw near You, or to minister to You, O King of Glory. For to serve You is great and awesome, even to the heavenly powers. And yet, because of Your love for mankind, – a love which cannot be expressed or measured – You became man, unchanged and unchanging. You were appointed our High Priest, and, as Master of all, handed down to us the priestly ministry of this liturgical and unbloody sacrifice. You alone, O Lord, our God, have dominion over heaven and earth. You, Who are borne on the throne of the cherubim; You are Lord of the seraphim and King of Israel; You, Who alone are holy and rest in the holies. I implore You, therefore, Who alone are good and ready to listen: look upon me, Your sinful and unprofitable servant; cleanse my heart and soul of the evil that lies on my conscience. By the power of Your Holy Spirit enable me, who am clothed with the grace of the priesthood, to stand before this, Your holy table, and offer the sacrifice of Your holy and most pure Body and precious Blood. Bending my neck, I approach and I petition You: Turn not Your face from me nor reject me from among Your children, but allow these gifts to be offered to You by me, Your sinful and unworthy servant. For it is You Who offer and You Who are offered; it is You Who receive and You Who are given, O Christ our God; and we give glory to You, together with Your eternal Father and Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

Let us who mystically represent the cherubim and sing the Thrice-Holy Hymn to the life-giving Trinity, now lay aside all cares of life.* That we may receive the King of all, escorted invisibly by ranks of angels. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. *(x3)*

Great Entrance

DEACON: May the Lord God remember in His kingdom all you

orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

PRIEST: May the Lord God remember in His kingdom the most holy universal Pontiff, *[N],* the Pope of Rome; our most blessed Patriarch, *[N],* our most reverend Metropolitan, *[N],* our God-loving Bishop, *[N],* all the priestly, diaconal and religious orders; our nation under God, our government, and all the military; the noble and ever-to-be remembered founders and benefactors of this holy church; and all you, orthodox Christians, always, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: Amen. That we may receive the King of all, escorted invisibly by ranks of angels. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRIEST: The noble Joseph took down Your most pure body from the tree. He wrapped it with a clean shroud and, with aromatic spices, placed it in a new tomb.

Deal favourably, O Lord, with Sion in Your good pleasure and let the walls of Jerusalem be rebuilt. Then You shall be well pleased with a sacrifice of justice, oblations and holocausts; then they shall lay calves upon Your altar.

PRIEST: Remember me, brothers and fellow ministers.

DEACON: The Holy Spirit will come upon you and the power of the Most High will overshadow you.

PRIEST: May this same Spirit act together with us all the days of our lives.

DEACON: Pray for us, Holy Master.

PRIEST: May the Lord God guide your footsteps.

DEACON: Remember me, Holy Master.

PRIEST: May the Lord God remember you in His kingdom, always, now and for ever and ever.

DEACON: Amen.

Litany for the Gifts

DEACON: Let us complete our prayer to the Lord.

CHOIR: Lord, have mercy.

For the precious gifts offered here, let us pray to the

Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For this holy place and for those who enter it with faith, devotion and reverence for God, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be spared all distress, violence, danger and need, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: Lord, God almighty, Who alone are holy, You accept the sacrifice of praise from those who call upon You with all their hearts. Accept also the petitions of us sinners and bring them to Your holy altar. Enable us to offer You gifts and spiritual sacrifices for our sins and for the sins of ignorance of the people. Make us worthy to find favour with You so that our sacrifice may be acceptable to You and so that the good Spirit of Your grace may rest upon us, upon these gifts present before us, and upon all Your people.

Through the mercies of Your only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed, together with Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

PRIEST: Peace be with all.

CHOIR: **And with your spirit.**

DEACON: Let us love one another so that we may be of one mind in confessing.

CHOIR: **The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being and undivided.**

DEACON: The doors, the doors! In wisdom let us be attentive.

ALL: **I believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen and unseen.**

I believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. Light from

Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, one in being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit He was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; suffered, died, and was buried. On the third day He rose again in fulfillment of the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANAPHORA

DEACON: Let us stand well, let us stand with fear; let us be attentive to offer in peace the holy oblation.

CHOIR: **The mercy of peace, the sacrifice of praise.**

PRIEST: The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

CHOIR: **And with your spirit.**

PRIEST: Let us lift up our hearts.

CHOIR: **We have lifted them to the Lord.**

PRIEST: Let us give thanks to the Lord.

THANKSGIVING

CHOIR: **It is right and just to worship the Father and the**

Son and the Holy Spirit, the Trinity one in being, and undivided.

PRIEST: It is right and just to sing of You, to bless You, to praise You, to thank You, to worship You everywhere in Your domain; for You are God – ineffable, inconceivable, invisible, incomprehensible, always existing and ever the same – You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. You brought us from nothingness into being and, after we fell, You raised us up again. You did not cease doing everything until You led us to heaven and granted us Your future kingdom. For all this we give thanks to You, to Your only-begotten Son and to Your Holy Spirit; for all things which we know and do not know, the benefits bestowed upon us both manifest and hidden. We thank You also for this liturgy which You have deigned to accept from our hands, even though there stand before You thousands of archangels, and tens of thousands of angels, the cherubim and seraphim, six-winged and many-eyed, hovering aloft on their wings,

Singing, crying, exclaiming, and saying the triumphal hymn.

CHOIR: **Holy, holy, holy Lord of Sabaoth, heaven and earth are full of Your glory! Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!**

Remembrance

PRIEST: With these blessed powers, Master, Who love mankind, we too cry out and say: Holy are You – truly, all holy – You and Your only-begotten Son and Your Holy Spirit. Holy are You – truly all holy – and magnificent is Your glory. You so loved Your world as to give Your only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life. After He had come and fulfilled the whole divine plan for our sake, on the night He was given over – or, rather, gave Himself for the life of the world – He took bread into His holy, most pure and immaculate hands, gave thanks, blessed, sanctified and broke it; He gave it to His holy disciples and apostles, saying:

Take, eat: This is my Body, which is broken for you for the forgiveness of sins.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

PRIEST: When supper was ended, He took the cup in the same way, saying:

Drink of it, all of you. This is My Blood of the New Covenant, which is poured out for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

Holy Offering

PRIEST: Remembering, therefore, this salutary commandment, and all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection on the third day, the ascension into heaven, the sitting at the right hand, and the second and glorious coming:

We offer to You, Yours of Your own, in behalf of all and for all.

CHOIR: **We sing of You, we bless You, we thank You, O Lord, and we pray to You, our God.**

Epiclesis

PRIEST: Further, we offer to You this rational and unbloody worship; and we ask, we pray and we entreat You: Send down Your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these Gifts here present, AND MAKE THIS BREAD † THE PRECIOUS BODY OF YOUR CHRIST, AND THAT WHICH IS IN THIS CHALICE † THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF YOUR CHRIST, CHANGING THEM † BY YOUR HOLY SPIRIT, so that they may be for the communicants: sobriety of soul, forgiveness of sins, fellowship of Your Holy Spirit, fulfillment of the kingdom of heaven, confidence before You and not for judgment or condemnation.

Further, we offer You this rational and unbloody worship for those who have gone to their rest in faith: forefathers, fathers, patriarchs, prophets, apostles, preachers, evangelists, martyrs, confessors, ascetics, and for every righteous soul that finished this life in faith.

Especially for our most holy and immaculate, most blessed and glorious Lady, the Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary.

CHOIR: **It is truly right to bless you, O God-bearing One, as the ever-blessed and immaculate Mother of our God. More honorable than the cherubim and by far more glorious than the seraphim; ever a virgin, you gave birth to the God the Word, O true Mother of God, we magnify you!**

PRIEST: For St. John, the prophet, forerunner and baptist; for the holy, glorious and all-praiseworthy apostles; for Saint/s, *[N.N.],* whose

memory we celebrate; and for all Your saints. Through their supplications, visit us, O God.

And remember all who have fallen asleep in the hope of rising to eternal life. *The priest mentions by name the deceased whom he wishes to commemorate.* And grant them rest in a place enlightened by the light of Your countenance.

Further, we pray to You: Remember, O Lord, the entire orthodox episcopate, rightly imparting the word of Your truth, the entire priesthood, the diaconate in Christ, and every sacred order. Further, we offer You this rational worship for the whole world, for the holy, catholic and apostolic Church, for those who live chaste and holy lives, for our nation under God, for our government, and for all in the military. Grant them, O Lord, a peaceful governance so that in their tranquility we may be able to lead calm and quiet lives in all piety and dignity.

PRIEST: Among the first, remember, O Lord, our most holy universal Pontiff, *[N],* Pope of Rome; our most blessed Patriarch, *[N],* our most reverend Metropolitan, *[N],* our God-loving bishop, *[N]*. For the sake of Your holy churches grant that they may live in peace, safety, honor and health for many years, and rightly impart the word of Your truth.

CHOIR: And remember all men and all women.

PRIEST: Remember, O Lord, this city in which we live (or this village in which we live, or this monastery in which we live) and every city and country and the faithful who live in them. Remember, O Lord, the seafarers and travellers, the sick and the suffering, those held captive, and their salvation. Remember, O Lord, those who bear fruit doing good works in Your holy churches and remembering the poor. Send down Your mercy upon all of us.

And grant that with one voice and with one heart, we may glorify and praise Your most honored and magnificent name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: Amen.

PRIEST: And may the mercies of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, be with all of you.

CHOIR: And with your spirit.

DEACON: Having remembered all the saints, again and again in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the precious Gifts which have been presented and consecrated, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

That our loving God, Who has received them as a spiritual fragrance upon His holy, heavenly and mystical altar, may send down on us in return His divine grace and the gift of the Holy Spirit, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

That we may be delivered from all tribulation, wrath, and misfortune, let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: We place before You our whole life and hope, O loving Master; and we ask, we pray, and we entreat You: Make us worthy to partake with a pure conscience of Your awesome and heavenly Mysteries at this sacred and spiritual table: for forgiveness of sins, for the pardon of offenses, for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, for the inheritance of the kingdom of heaven, for confidence before You, and not for judgment or condemnation.

DEACON: Help and save us, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

That this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR: **Grant this, O Lord.**

For an angel of peace, a faithful guide, a guardian of our souls and bodies, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR: **Grant this, O Lord.**

For the forgiveness and remission of our sins and offences, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR: **Grant this, O Lord.**

For all that is good and beneficial for our souls and for peace for the world, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR: **Grant this, O Lord.**

That we may spend the rest of our lives in peace and repentance, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR: **Grant this, O Lord.**

For a Christian end to our lives, one that is painless, unashamed and peaceful; and for a good defense at the awesome tribunal of Christ, let us ask the Lord.

CHOIR: **Grant this, O Lord.**

Having asked for unity of faith and for the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, let us commend ourselves and one another and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: **To You, O Lord.**

PRIEST: Make us worthy, O Master, with confidence and without condemnation to dare call You, the heavenly God, Father, and say:

ALL: **Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

PRIEST: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

PRIEST: Peace be with all.

CHOIR: **And with your spirit.**

DEACON: Bow your heads to the Lord.

CHOIR: **To You, O Lord.**

PRIEST: We give You thanks, O invisible King, for by Your infinite power You created all things and, in Your great mercy, brought all things from nothingness into being. Look down from heaven, O Master, upon those who have bowed their heads to You: for they have not bowed them down to flesh and blood, but to You,

the awesome God. Therefore, O Master, make smooth the ways that lie before us all for our good and in accord with each one's personal need: sail with seafarers; travel with travelers; heal the sick, O Physician of our souls and bodies.

Through the grace, mercies and loving kindness of Your only-begotten Son with Whom You are blessed together with Your most holy, good and life-giving Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

PRIEST: Attend, O Lord, Jesus Christ our God, from Your holy dwelling and from the throne of glory in Your kingdom, and come to sanctify us, You Who are seated on high with the Father and are invisibly present here with us. Deign to give to us with Your mighty hand Your most pure Body and precious Blood, and through us, to all the people. God, be merciful to me, a sinner. *(x3)*

DEACON: Let us be attentive.

PRIEST: The holy Things for the holy!

CHOIR: **One is holy, one is Lord, Jesus Christ, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Communion psalm verse is sung. See propers for weekdays and feasts.

Sundays: **Praise the Lord from the heavens;* praise Him in the highest. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Prayer Before Holy Communion

ALL: **I believe, O Lord, and confess that You are truly Christ, the Son of the living God, Who came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am first.**

Accept me this day, O Son of God, as a partaker of Your mystical Supper. I will not tell Your Mystery to Your enemies, nor will I give You a kiss as did Judas, but like the thief, I confess to You:

† Remember me, O Lord, when You come into Your kingdom.

† Remember me, O Master, when You come into Your kingdom.

† Remember me, O Holy One, when You come into Your kingdom.

May the partaking of Your Holy Mysteries, O Lord, be unto me not for judgment or condemnation, but for the healing of soul and body.

† God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

† God, cleanse me of my sins and have mercy on me.

† I have sinned without number, forgive me, O Lord.

Communion of the Faithful

PRIEST: Approach with the fear of God and with faith.

CHOIR: **Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord,* God the Lord has appeared to us.**

The faithful approach to receive Holy Communion with their arms crossed over their heart. Then after distribution the priests continues:

PRIEST: Save Your people, O God, and bless Your inheritance.

CHOIR: **We have seen the true light. We have received the heavenly Spirit. We have found the true faith. We worship the undivided Trinity for having saved us.**

PRIEST: Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; above all the earth be Your glory.

Blessed is our God, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

May our mouths be filled with Your praise, O Lord, that we may sing of Your glory. For You made us worthy to partake of Your holy, divine, immortal and life-giving Mysteries. Preserve us in Your holiness that we may meditate all the day upon Your justice. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

DEACON: Stand aright! Having received the divine, holy, immaculate, immortal, heavenly, and life-giving,

awesome Mysteries of Christ, let us rightly give thanks to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

Help and save, have mercy and protect us, O God, by Your grace.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

Having asked that this whole day may be perfect, holy, peaceful and sinless, let us commend ourselves and one another, and our whole life to Christ our God.

CHOIR: **To You, O Lord.**

PRIEST: We thank You, O Master, lover of mankind and benefactor of our souls, that even today, You have made us worthy of Your heavenly and immortal Mysteries. Make straight our path. Make us all firm in fear of You. Protect our lives and secure our steps, through the prayers and supplications of the glorious Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary and of all Your saints.

For You are our sanctification and we give glory to You, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

Ambon Prayer

DEACON: Let us go forth in peace.

CHOIR: **In the name of the Lord.**

DEACON: Let us pray to the Lord.

CHOIR: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRIEST: You bless those who bless You, O Lord, and sanctify those who trust in You. Save Your people and bless Your inheritance. Protect the fullness of Your Church. Sanctify those who love the beauty of Your house and glorify them by Your divine power. Do not forsake us who hope in You. Grant peace to Your world, to Your churches, to the priests, to our nation under God, to our government, and to all Your people. For all good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming

down from You, the Father of Lights. And we give glory, thanks, and worship to You, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen. Blessed be the name of the Lord, now and for ever.** *(x3)*

PRIEST: Being the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets, O Christ our God, You fully achieved the whole Father's plan of salvation, fill our hearts with joy and gladness, always, now and for ever and ever. Amen.

PRIEST: May the blessing of the Lord be upon you with His grace and love for mankind, always, now and for ever and ever.

CHOIR: **Amen.**

PRIEST: Glory be to You, O Christ our God, our hope, glory be to You.

CHOIR: **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,* now and for ever and ever. Amen.* Lord, have mercy.** *(x3)* *** Give the blessing.**

PRIEST: Christ our true God, *(risen from the dead),* through the prayers of His immaculate Mother *(and so forth)*, of our father among the saints, John Chrysostom, archbishop of Constantinople, of Saint *[N],* patron of this church, and of Saint *[N],* whom we commemorate today, and all the saints, will have mercy and save us, for He is good and loves mankind.

CHOIR: **Amen.**